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Director
Central Intelligence Agency
ATTN: Mr. Gambino (Chairman, Security Committee)
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Gambino:

As I noted in my correspondence of 9 November 1979, Serial: I believe that the treatment of computer security for all uses of computers should be treated by the same standards of protection. To me, this means that computers used to communicate data are just as much a part of computer security as those used to store and process data. This does not mean that identical rules must be applied in every case, but it should mean that adequate precautions are applied so that no system is allowed to operate which falls below a minimum level of security protection.

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Since the DCID 1/11 is not going to be modified to include computers which are used to communicate intelligence information, some provision needs to be made to make sure that these systems are covered under some set of rules. The presumption is that this naturally falls to the newly constituted National COMSEC Committee chaired by Dr. Dinneen of Defense. I suggest that you consider discussing the matter of computer security with Dr. Dinneen and agree on some general rules by which the two separate groups can achieve a working relationship which will guarantee adequate computer security protection for all systems, regardless of use.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Computer Security Subcommittee

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, SECOM

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SUBJECT: Revision of DCID 1/11

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1. Reference Memorandum of 9 August 1979, SECOM-D-604.
2. Concur in attachments 1, 3 and 5 to the proposed DCID as written.
3. Concur in attachment 2 but recommend that its titling and text be updated by conversion of the term "computer security" to "automation security" throughout the text.
4. We do object, to the language of draft Attachment 4, which involves the R&D Subcommittee in computer security R&D matters. We feel that this is an unwarranted overlap with the assigned responsibility of the Computer (Automation) Security Subcommittee. The Computer (Automation) Security Subcommittee should continue "to monitor and foster" automation security R&D and maintain close liaison with the OSD Computer Security Technical Consortium on this matter. In view of the highly specialized nature of automation security, and fact that we have a special subcommittee for this one discipline, recommend that all references to computer security be deleted from the draft of Attachment 4.

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Army Member, SECOM

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